



STORM CASUALTY: This single engine airplane at Niles city airport, owned by Wally Bowerman of Niles, was flipped over by high winds accompanying a thunderstorm that raked southwestern Michigan last night. Two other planes were also reported damaged. (Staff photo)

Two Inches Of Rain Fall In Wild Electrical Storm

Scattered Damage In Area

Funnel Clouds
Are Sighted
In Michigan

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Two separate storms during the night accompanied by severe lightning and high winds dumped from one to two inches of rain on southwestern Michigan.

The storms which hit the area around 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. caused scattered minor flooding, toppled trees and triggered electrical blackouts throughout the area. At least five tornado sightings were reported in the state and another near New Carlisle, Ind., south of Galien.

Other funnel clouds were spotted east of Grand Junction; in South Haven township; Menominee county; just northeast of Kalamazoo and in Washtenaw county. Tornado warnings were in effect throughout the southwestern Michigan area early last night.

John Banyon, division manager of Indiana and Michigan Electric Co., Benton Harbor, said this morning that the two storms felled a tree over power lines in the Bridgman area around 7:30 p.m. and a car also hit a utility pole in the same area at the same time, both causing blackouts in the Bridgman area near Lake Michigan. The storms also caused minor power failures in the Coloma-Watervliet area and near New Troy. He said numerous line fuses "kicked out" but all power has been restored.

A total of 1.98 inches of rain fell at Ross Field, the Twin Cities airport, during the night. Herb Teichman, Eau Claire fruit grower and weather observer for the State Weather Service said 1.58 inches fell at his farm, several miles northeast of Eau Claire. Other amounts were 1.4 at Buchanan, 1.14 at Niles, and .96 at Paw Paw. Teichman said some fruit tree limbs were broken, but no serious damage to fruit crops was reported. County road commission and sheriff's departments reported numerous trees and limbs felled by the high winds and severe lightning.

Three residents in Benton Harbor, Eau Claire and



PARTY IN HANOI: This radiophoto was issued by Hanoi and monitored in Tokyo today with the following caption: "A ceremony was held in the evening of Sept. 17 in Hanoi to release three U.S. fliers captured during



air raids over North Vietnam." Photo shows Navy Lt. Norris A. Charles and his wife Olga, left, and Navy Lt. Markham L. Gartley and his mother at the ceremony. (AP Wirephoto)



CRUNCH: High winds toppled a tree, lifting the sidewalk and damaging four cars in the parking lot of Lakecrest apartments at South Haven. The building, overlooking Lake Michigan, was not damaged. (Tom Renner photo)

Countries Protecting Drug Sources Will Lose All U.S. Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon vowed today he would cut off all U.S. economic and military aid to any country whose leaders protect "the merchants of death who traffic in heroin."

Selecting an international narcotics control conference to respond to Democratic nominee George McGovern's criticism of his war on drugs, Nixon said "very sharp recent increases" in heroin prices in

the eastern United States "indicate that the supply is drying up and that the pressure is on the criminal drug trade."

"We are going to keep the heat on until these despicable profiteers in human misery are driven out of their hiding places and are put in prison where they belong," Nixon said in his prepared comments.

His administration has made progress in curbing the drug traffic, Nixon said, "yet we must do more to win this war and we must do it even more quickly."

He asked the U.S. diplomats who coordinate overseas efforts to curb drug supplies to convey "this personal message for me:

"Any government whose leaders participate in or protect the activities of those who contribute to our drug problem should know that the President of the United States is required by statute to suspend all American economic and military assistance to such a regime. I shall not hesitate to comply fully and promptly with that statute.

"Our goal is the unconditional surrender of the merchants of death who traffic in heroin," the President said. "Our goal is the total banishment of drug abuse from American life.

"We are going to fight the evil with every weapon at our command," Nixon continued.

"our children's lives are what we are fighting for and our children's future is the reason we must succeed."

McGovern in a statement issued Sunday said the number of

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FREED BY HANOI: These American pilots who were freed by Hanoi were photographed Friday in North Vietnam by the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Richard Duden. They are, from left: Lt. Markham Ligon Gartley, Lt. Norris Alphonso Charles and Maj. Edward Knight Elias. (AP Wirephoto)

Watervliet reported that lightning struck their television antennas causing minor damage to their homes.

South Haven Community hospital used its standby generator for more than an hour. The South Haven board of public works reported several power disruptions but said service was restored to all customers by 8 a.m.

Four cars were damaged when a tree fell in a parking lot

at the Lakecrest apartments on North Shore drive in South Haven.

South Haven firemen extinguished a blaze in a transformer at the Michigan Fruit Canners plant at about 4 a.m. Firemen stood by while utility crews repaired lines at the National Motor Casting company and in rural Lacota.

State police from the South

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Freedom Rites Held In Hanoi

American POW's Released In Unique Ceremony

By PETER ARNETT
AP Special Correspondent
HANOI (AP) — Three American pilots shot down during bomb raids over North Vietnam have been released from captivity at a ceremony organized by the North Vietnamese Army and attended by relatives and U.S. peace activists who had journeyed to Hanoi.

They are Navy Lt. Norris Charles, 27, whose wife Olga, had flown out from San Diego, Calif.; Navy Lt. Markham Gartley, 28, whose mother, Minnie Lee Gartley, came from Duncedin, Fla.; and Air Force Maj. Edward Elias, 34, of Valdosta, Ga.

Overjoyed at their new freedom, the three fliers were appearing in new civilian clothing provided them for Sunday's 40-minute ceremony, a unique affair in the annals of warfare.

Each pilot made a statement into microphones before the official release, held before Vietnamese and European television cameramen in a building of the Peoples Army.

Olga Charles, 27, who had had her hair washed and set in a downtown Hanoi beauty shop in anticipation of the ceremony, fought through the throng of cameramen and technicians for an emotional embrace with her husband.

Minnie Lee Gartley joyfully put her arms around her Navy pilot son and said, "He's even better looking than I remembered." Mrs. Gartley for the past four years has actively picketed Congress and the White House for an end to the war.

Elias, who until Saturday had expected his wife or father to come to Hanoi, said in a statement before the microphones, "I have been told that for various reasons they could not make it, but I will be seeing them soon."

Elias' father, Barney, a

housing consultant, said in Jacksonville, Ill., he, his wife and daughter-in-law had decided it was "not in the best interest of all the POWs" for them to make the trip. He also said peace activists Cora Weiss and Dave Dellinger, who arranged the release and were at the Hanoi ceremony, had assured the Elias family the major's release would not be jeopardized by their not attending.

Charles, Gartley and Elias were the first American prisoners released by Hanoi since 1969. The U.S. Defense Department prior to Sunday listed 539 Americans known to be captured and held prisoner in Southeast Asia and more than 1,000 Americans missing, many of them believed in captivity.

Following the ceremony, the pilots, relatives and the American peace delegation were driven to a banquet of Vietnamese food and drink at the

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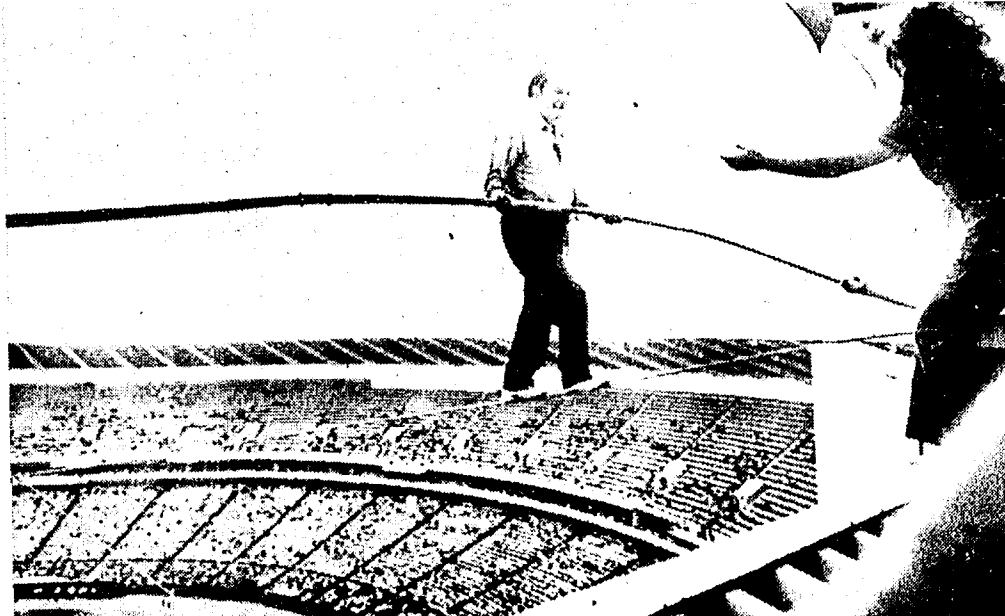
Riots Claim Another Life

BELFAST Northern Ireland (AP) — One man was killed while about 300 Protestants besieged the tiny Roman Catholic enclave in the port of Larne, 25 miles north of Belfast, in an orgy of bombing, shooting, burning and stoning Sunday.

The fighting was the latest evidence of snowballing Protestant militancy as they intensify their war against the Irish Republican Army. About 20,000 Protestants marched through Belfast Saturday in an unprecedented show of force.

PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 24.

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HOME RUN: Baseball fans at Atlanta Stadium watch Karl Wallenda, 67, walk across cable over the ball field after Braves-San Francisco game Sunday. Wallenda, who headed The Great Wallendas troop has been in his

perilous business 52 years. He said he made the walk high above the stadium "for the cause of peace throughout the world," and \$3,500. (AP Wirephoto)

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Camera Club Launching New Season

First Of 6 Travelogues
Presented Sunday

Twin City Camera club launches its 24th season next Sunday with the travelogue "New York City."

The Travel and Adventure series will present six other shows in the 1972-73 season — featuring trips to two European countries, two South Pacific islands and two junkets in the U.S.

Each travelogue in the series

will be shown three times — Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday nights at St. Joseph high school auditorium. Sunday matinees are being started this year in response to many requests.

Season tickets for the seven shows are \$3 for students and \$6 for adults.

The travelogues are created by nationally known explorers and adventurers who appear on such major platforms as National Geographic, Washington, D.C.; Town Hall, New York; Orchestra Hall, Chicago, and Town Hall, San Francisco.

The schedule:
Sept. 24, 25, 26 — "New York City" by Doug Jones.

Oct. 22, 23, 24 — "Nationalist China - Taiwan" by Ed Lark.

Nov. 20, 21, 22 — "Rio Colorado" by Robert Brouwer.

Jan. 7, 8, 9 — "Serenade To Spain" by Walter S. Dodson.

Feb. 4, 5, 6 — "Lumberjack's Alaskan Adventure" by Don Cooper.

March 4, 5, 6 — "Bright Belgium" by John Strong.

April 15, 16, 17 — "Portraits Of Australia" by Curtis Nage.

This season's travelogue committee is headed by Dr. R. C. Lyon, chairman; Herbert Hein, vice chairman; Kenneth McKeown, Arthur Kovalska and Edward Scott, co-chairmen for ushering; Collins Gillespie and Charles Beran, projection; D. Carter Cook, finance; Fred Scholtz, tickets, and Hein, publicity.



MRS. TED PERKEY
Weekly Winner

Two BH Women Winners

Phonegrams Test
Of Last Week

Two Benton Harbor women shared winning honors in the 10th week of this newspaper's Phonegrams contest.

Winners were Mrs. Ted Perkey, of 558 Midway street, and Mrs. Frank Scoma Sr., of 932 Baldwin street. Both submitted seven correct words.

Both had previously been winners in the contest. With this week's words, both now have 21 points. They are tied for fifth place.

Mrs. Ronald Krieger, of Sawyer, and Mrs. George Polbinski, of Benton Harbor, are still tied for first place, with 30 points each. Mrs. Paul Bridgman, of St. Joseph, and Mrs. William Geik, of Coloma, are tied for third, with 27 points.



MRS. FRANK SCOMA
Weekly Winner

AT HULL

All But 2 Johnson Students In Class

All except two sixth graders from the Johnson school area were in classes at Hull school today, according to Principal John Cooper.

Parents had withheld some sixth graders from school in protest of closing the sixth grade at Johnson and transferring the students to Hull. The Benton Harbor board of education said the move was forced by austerity resulting from the defeat last month of operating tax millage.

Cooper said five students from Johnson reported today for the first time at the Hull sixth grade. He said he understands there are two others who have not yet been enrolled officially.



GROWING: The Village Square in Stevensville will get \$500,000 worth of new buildings, owners Ronald Iannelli

and Warren Van Osdel have announced. The shopping center is located on John Beers road next to Hickory Creek. (Staff Photo)

\$500,000 For New Shops

Stevensville Expansion Unveiled

A \$500,000 expansion of the Stevensville Village Square on John Beers road with 25 new shops was outlined today by Ronald Iannelli and Warren Van Osdel, top officers of the center.

The Village Square complex

started with the Lincoln Township library and Van Osdel's insurance office.

Since then stores have been built to house the Red Balloon, the Golden Dolphin Bath Shop, Gentry shop, Lakeshore True Value hardware, The Other

Place and a new paint and decorating shop.

A series of individual buildings holding anywhere from three to six shops will be built on the approximately 10 acre site along Hickory creek in Stevensville.

All of the buildings will have the same architectural style with gas lights to be prominently displayed and brick used on exteriors to contrast with cedar shake roofs.

Parking will be ample and

convenient to all stores. Speciality stores and service businesses are expected to seek space in the area's newest shopping center.

Iannelli is located in the True Value hardware and can give details on the proposed

buildings and leases.

Lincoln township some time ago purchased land for a new township hall and library. When the library moves to its new building the library would provide more professional office rental space.

Music And Cars Highlight UCF Sunday Specials

By TED RAKSTIS

Despite last night's driving rainstorm, nearly 500 people went to St. Joseph high school to hear piano star Galen turn the United Community Fund Rally into a startling tour de force of musical brilliance.

The Lake Michigan College Brass Ensemble, directed by Dr. Donald Moely, added a bonus to the entertainment bill in one of the most successful UCF special events in recent years. Herbert Klapp and Frank Pastrick were co-chairmen of the show, and UCF Campaign Chairman Roy Shoemaker was master of ceremonies.

Galen, who donated his services for the UCF show, received two standing ovations as he exhibited why he has been touted as one of the future great stars of show business.

Clad in his traditional white costume and with the spotlight blinking a kaleidoscope of colors, Galen filled the formal portion of his show with a medley of movie themes, "MacArthur Park," a Judy Garland tribute, "Amazing Grace" and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" interspersed with strains from "The Man I Love."

Following a thunderous standing ovation, the young piano genius explained to the

audience why he was appearing at last night's show:

"I suffer from epilepsy, and when I was under treatment I realized the great cost of the machines that were helping me to recover — and I knew that the money came from people who believe in helping others."

"I'm also blind in one eye, last year I suffered a mild heart attack and I also support programs for senior citizens. There are 45 services in your UCF that help people in need — and that's why I'm here."

Galen then followed with half an hour of requests, including a Barbara Streisand medley and the magnificent "Jesus Christ Superstar," one of the highlights of his Ramada Inn show. Galen and his group, which includes lead guitarist Tony Catania of Benton Harbor and organist Dean Balfour of Coloma, will be appearing at the Benton township hotel for the next several weeks.

In the first part of the program, Dr. Moely led the LMC Brass Ensemble in a rousing selection of classical brass music. Their brief but lively program consisted of "Fanfare for the Common Man," by Aaron Copland; "Canzona" and "Double Brass Choir" by Giovanni Gabrieli; "Lazy Blues" from Leonard Lebow's "Popular Suite for



GALEN BIG HIT AT UCF SHOW: Piano star Galen signs an autograph for Bill Bartels in front of the Boy Scout display at last night's United Community Fund Rally, held at St. Joseph high school. The Lake Michigan College Brass Ensemble, directed by Dr. Donald Moely, rounded out the evening's entertainment in a show that saw Galen receive two standing ovations.

From left to right are: Dr. Moely; Galen; Bill Bartels, who worked with a group of Scouts on the display; Roy Shoemaker, UCF campaign chairman; and James Bowser, UCF display chairman. Not pictured are Herbert Klapp and Frank Pastrick, co-chairmen of last night's show. (Staff photo)

Brass Choir"; and a Leroy Anderson Christmas suite.

James Bowser was the evening's decoration chairman. The lobby of the high school auditorium was decorated with displays by a number of UCF services.

Among them were Child and Family Services, YWCA, Retarded Children, Handicapped Camping, Red Cross, Berrien County Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Information and Referral Center, YMCA, Riverwood Mental Health Center, Crippled Children's Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Girl Scouts and Arthritis Foundation.

In another UCF special event held yesterday afternoon, some 25 Corvettes decorated with United Fund banners left from

Ned Gates Chevrolet, Benton Harbor, and drove throughout the Twin Cities area. The event was staged by members of the Corvette Coventry of Southwest Michigan.

More UCF special events will be held in the near future, including a fashion show at 1 p.m. next Saturday at the Ramada Inn. This week, however, UCF volunteers return to the task of meeting one of their sternest challenges in history.

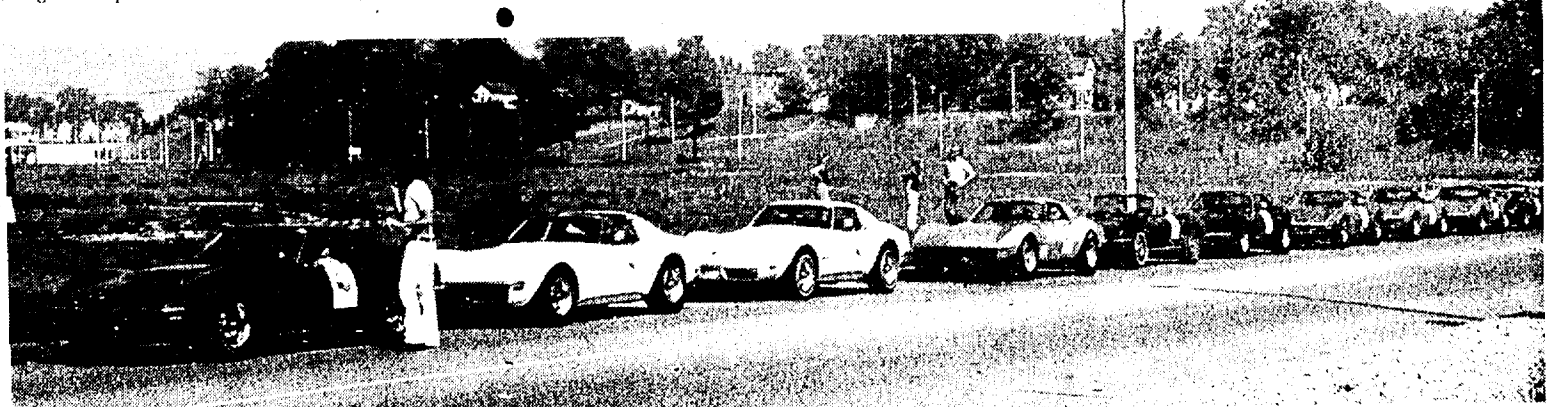
The needs of the 45 UCF services in 1973 will be the subject of Tuesday's "Sound Off" show, to be aired over radio station WSJM at 12:15 p.m. The show will feature Shoemaker; Robert L. Starks, UCF president; and Dr. Donald Robach, assistant campaign chairman.

Bendix Object Of Bomb Threat

Berrien sheriff's deputies Sunday night received a report that a bomb threat had been phoned in to the Bendix Corp., on Red Arrow highway and Maiden lane in Lincoln township.

According to deputies, the anonymous caller at 8:38 p.m. said, "In exactly 12 hours three inspection and two production departments will blow up," and hung up.

Anson Lovellette, director of industrial relations at the plant, told officers a search was not necessary, stating that the firm has had labor trouble and has fired a few workers recently.



UCF CORVETTE CARAVAN: Members of the Corvette Coventry of Southwest Michigan line up to begin a caravan that took them throughout the Twin Cities area

yesterday afternoon. Each Corvette was decorated with United Community Fund signs to call attention to the current UCF campaign. Ken Inde was chairman of the

event. (Staff photo)

SARETT WILL ADD NATURALIST

Center Plans To Expand Field Trips, Nature Class Programs

BY JOHN VANDENHEIDE
Conservation Editor

The Sarett Nature Center plans to double the pleasure of area outdoor enthusiasts.

A second naturalist will be added next month to handle ever-increasing demands, particularly by school children, at the Benton Center road

sanctuary on the Paw Paw River.

The 175-acre Sarett facility started fullscale operations less than two years ago but has already grown to a point where it's too much for naturalist Chuck Nelson to handle alone.

"It quite frankly has overwhelmed us," notes Nelson on

the public's acceptance of the nature center. "The community was obviously outdoor oriented."

Sarett directors decided to add a second naturalist, yet unnamed, after it became necessary last spring to start turning away school groups wishing to tour the sanctuary.

Nelson recalls that tours were booked solid until mid-June and school groups amounting to 1,000 children reluctantly had to be refused.

"School children are the main reason we are increasing our professional staff," adds Nelson.

A second naturalist also will

be a welcome addition in other areas. The center will be able to expand field trip and nature class programs.

The possibility of adding more volunteer help to handle the workload was considered but rejected. "We wanted to keep it at a professional basis and at as high a quality as possible," explains Nelson.

The Sarett Nature Center, which was officially dedicated in 1965, was put together by Mr. and Mrs. William Vawter II of St. Joseph and donated to the Michigan Audubon Society. It's in memory of Lew Sarett, a poet, educator and naturalist who grew up in southwestern Michigan with Vawter.

Even though the Sarett sanctuary is officially a nature center and environmental education center of the Michigan Audubon Society, it still gets all of its financial support from memberships, special gifts and Vawter.

The center, which stands with Fernwood near Buchanan and the Kalamazoo Nature Center, as the only nature areas of their type in southwestern Michigan, was opened to memberships in May of 1971 and has since grown to a total of about 300. Memberships are priced at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, \$25 for contributing members, \$100 for sustaining members, \$500 for life members and \$1,000 for benefactors.

Some of the classes in which members participate are bird identification, spring wildflowers, tree and shrub identification and an ecology course. Some are even offered for college credit in connection with Lake Michigan College.

Field trips to such places as the Jasper-Pulaski Waterfowl Preserve in northern Indiana and environmental oriented programs every Sunday afternoon are also big hits with members.

Classes are open to non-members for a fee. And free scheduled tours are offered to any organized group, not just school children. Groups from Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties have toured the facility.

With the center having about one and a half miles of river frontage, visitors usually find the one and a quarter miles of board walk and raised earth trails through the bottomlands to be particularly interesting. "We're teaching all the outdoor sciences," comments Nelson.

"Most tours tend to become botanical or ecological more than bird studies because birds don't tend to sit still very well for groups of 40 kids."

There are observation platforms along the way and one might see everything from rattlesnakes to deer. Among bird favorites are the great blue herons and warblers.

Visitors are channeled through the interpretative building which houses offices, a small book store and a large lecture and observation room. That building was dedicated in May of 1970.

The only staff at this time, other than Nelson, is a parttime secretary. Some help has been hired for such project as trail building but most has been volunteer.

With the new naturalist, the center hopes to expand classes into the areas of water resources and fresh water fish. More time will also be available for the federal bird banding program and the research project on bluejay migrations.

The Sarett Nature Center would also like to cooperate with schools in establishing miniature nature centers in area elementary schools, but it will all take more money than is now available.

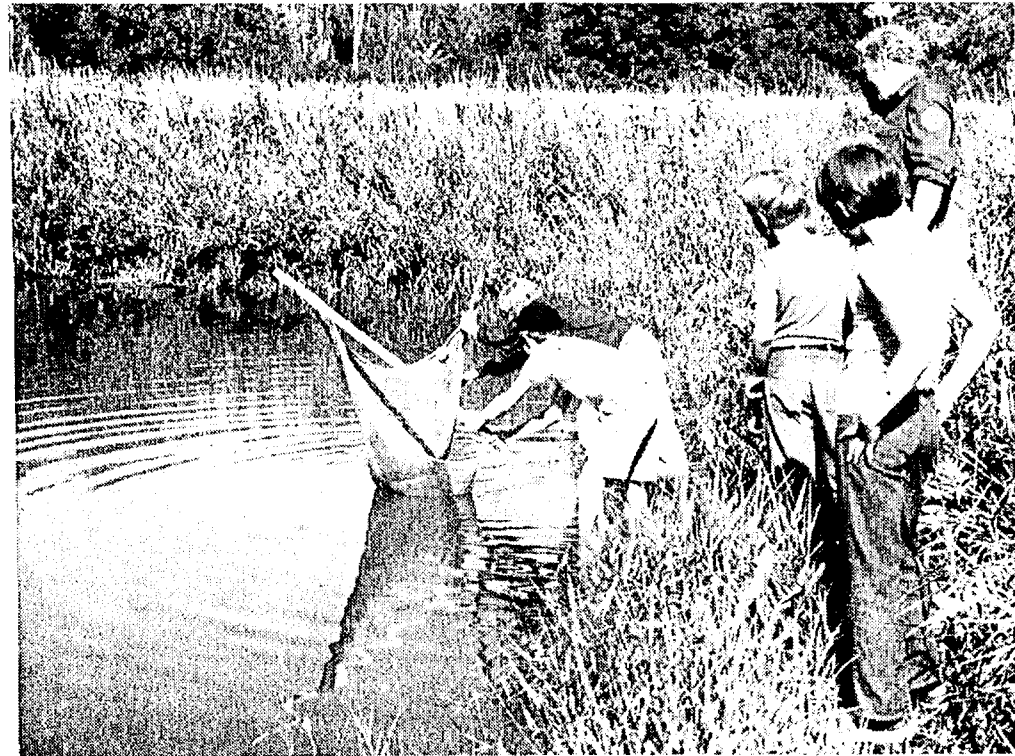
It's the hope of the center to finance the hiring of the needed naturalist and program expansions through an upcoming fund raising campaign.



IT FEELS SO GOOD: "Sidwall," a raccoon favorite of Sarett Nature Center visitors, likes having his tummy scratched by naturalist Chuck Nelson. (Staff photo)



SNAKE IN THE GRASS: A young-of-the-year eastern massasauga rattlesnake hides in the grass along the edge of trail running through Sarett Nature Center. Eight young and two adults rattlers were found at the sanctuary this summer. (Staff photo)



SEINE STUDY: Steve Park of Benton Harbor and Randy Lechenet of Coloma seine Sarett Nature Center pond for "cripply crawlers" while naturalist Chuck

Nelson watches from bank with children taking part in water life study. (Jerry Baumgarten photo)



TRAIL TIPS: Sarett Nature Center raccoon appears to be giving Cindy Clark of Coloma some nature trail tour tips. (Jerry Baumgarten photo)



HORNET HOME: Steve Park of Benton Harbor (right) seems to expect the worst as naturalist Chuck Nelson pokes at bald-faced hornet's nest at Benton Harbor's Sarett Nature Center. Looking on with less apprehension are Karen Park of Benton Harbor (left) and Randy Lechenet of Coloma (second from left). (Jerry Baumgarten photo)

Lib Stars Visit Michigan

Abortion Drive Launched

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — To the discomfort of the few men present, 200 women cheered and yelled "right on" each time Candice Bergen and Gloria Steinem let loose with an anti-male remark Sunday in Ann Arbor.

The two women attacked male dominance, the Catholic Church, President Nixon and anyone as Miss Steinem said, "who favors government intervention in our reproductive freedom."

Dr. Jack Slack of Alma, Mich., said the two women were in Ann Arbor to kick off the Michigan pro-abortion drive. Dr. Slack is one of the organizers of a November referendum in Michigan to liberalize abortion laws.

The November ballot's Proposition B, if approved by voters, would permit a legal abortion within the first 20 weeks of pregnancy.

One man asked Miss Bergen why she was interested in liberalizing abortion laws.

"I'm a woman. That's why," she snapped.

"It's insanity to me that this is even a problem," Miss Bergen said.

The actress and author said she became militant feminist when President Nixon congratulated the New York Catholic archbishop for his stand against abortion. Miss Steinem said the legislatures and courts are out of step on abortion liberalization.

"If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament," said Miss Steinem.

"I don't feel like I belong in there," said one man who walked out of the rally early.

Enrollment May Set State College Record

By Associated Press
Political apathy and an improving economy are responsible for what may be another record year for college and university enrollments in Michigan, according to the American Council on Education (ACE).

An eleventh hour influx of college applications have apparently ended fears by many state educators that the higher education market was about to crash.

Official figures now predict a total fall enrollment of more than 400,000 students in the state's 89 colleges and universities—an increase of 3.3 per

cent, or 12,000 students, over the fall of 1971.

But most of the increases are being felt at the state's 29 community colleges where the enrollment figure is expected to increase seven percent. The state's 47 private colleges and technical institutes and the three multi-universities Wayne State, Michigan State and Michigan—expect the enrollment to remain about the same as last year.

Researchers say many students prefer smaller school because they consider the larger universities dehumanizing places where they will be treated as numbers rather than as individuals. Western Mich-

igan expects 700 less students this fall, Central and Eastern expect to be down about 400 each and Northern expects 300 fewer students.

Many of the last minute enrollments, according to an ACE researcher, are from students who figure they can afford to go to college after all and from students who decided it's not worth the effort to stay out of school a semester to work full time for candidates in the upcoming November elections.

But even though enrollments are increasing every year, they are leveling off because of decreasing birth rates of 15 and 20 years ago, officials said.